



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Director

Mr. John Boccio, CPUC  
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RE: Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)  
Sempra Communications' Application for a Certification  
Of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPUC A.00-02-020)

Dear Mr. Boccio:

The Marin County Department of Public Works (DPW) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the subject DEIR. Our specific comments and concern are as follows:

1) The County maintains hundred of miles of roads, streets and related facilities such as bridges and culverts. The DEIR should clearly identify the specific locations where facilities would be installed, the precise nature of those facilities, e.g. above ground vs. underground, size of vaults, and the construction techniques to be used at the various locations. The information should also assess maintenance of the facilities and the impacts to traffic and the communities. This information is needed to adequately assess impacts on traffic flow/disruption and the County's transportation facilities.

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2) The County recently passed an ordinance (No. 3344) requiring a right-of-way agreement for installation of major encroachments in the County right-of-way, prohibiting excavations in recently resurfaced roads, and setting standards for restoration of roads. DPW expects Sempra will be subject to entering into an agreement with the County and paying the required right-of-way usage fee. In addition, Sempra shall notify other existing and potential right-of-way users of the proposed work, and possibly perform work within the right-of-way jointly with the other users.

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3) The proposed project shall comply with the County's local ordinance requiring encroachment permits for any facility that are constructed in the right-of-way, and the project must comply with the time, place, and manner restrictions established in the permit.

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4) The type location and height of any proposed ground structure is subject to review and approval of the County's Community Development Agency.

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Approval does not supercede the authority of the Road Commissioner/Director of Public Works to issue or deny an encroachment permit or impose conditions upon issuance of an encroachment permit. In addition, vesting and permit duration shall not be deemed to restrict the rights of the Road Commissioner/Director of Public Works to require, at the applicants expense, the protection, support, temporary disconnection, relocation or removal of any facility owned or operated, or maintained by the applicant.

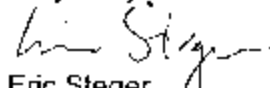
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5) The construction activities shall not result in any delay to emergency vehicles.

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Please place DPW on the interested party list. Contact us if you need any additional information.

Very Truly Yours,



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Ben Berto, CDA

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**G. MARIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
ERIC STEGER – ASSOCIATE ENGINEER**

**G-1** We refer the commentor to the Master Response. The Marin County Department of Public Works will be notified when specific work plans are proposed and submitted to the CPUC for review.

**G-2** Comment noted.

**G-3** Comment noted.

**G-4** Comment noted.

**G-5** Comment noted.